

HOUSE BILL 3324  
By McCord

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 140, Part 6, relative to do not resuscitate orders.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-140-602, is amended by deleting the following language from the section:

Any individual licensed as an emergency medical technician or emergency medical technician-paramedic, certified as an emergency medical first responder or functioning within the authority of and pursuant to this chapter, and who is employed or utilized by a basic life-support or advanced life-support licensee, may honor a DNR order when responding to a call for assistance provided that the following conditions apply:

(1) An original or a duplicate or copy of the original statewide emergency medical DNR form is presented to emergency medical services immediately upon their arrival at the scene;

and by substituting instead the following language:

Any individual licensed as an emergency medical technician or emergency medical technician-paramedic, certified as an emergency medical first responder or functioning within the authority of and pursuant to this chapter, and who is employed or utilized by a basic life-support or advanced life-support licensee may honor a DO NOT RESUSCITATE (DNR) order when the following conditions apply:

(1) An original or a duplicate or copy of the original statewide emergency medical DNR form or valid DNR bracelet or necklace, evidencing Tennessee's emergency medical services statewide pre-hospital DO NOT RESUSCITATE order is presented to emergency medical services immediately upon their arrival at the scene;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-140-604, is amended by deleting the period at the end of the section and by adding the following language:

nor shall emergency medical services personnel, nurses, or physicians be subject to criminal prosecution or civil liability if a DNR order is not honored when such medical services personnel, nurse, or physician has no knowledge that a DNR order has been executed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.